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REPORT ON B.; MENTION OF "KHOZE", PEDRO, FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN, MAKSH, LEONID (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No.: 497

12 June 1944

[75 groups unrecoverable]

[50 groups unrecovered]

"KHOZE"[1].

3. B.[ii] reported in full [4 groups unrecovered] to all our illegals about the fact that we instructed him to change [his][iii] apartment.

4. Absolutely all our illegals - they long ago broke off contact with B. - are complaining to me that B. catches them in the street, [2 groups unrecovered], talks [to them][iii] about the others and even tries to make use [of them][iii] to obtain information about PEDRO[iv]. In this I see the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN's [ZEMLYAKI][v] desire to establish that we are in liaison with P.[iv].

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5. B. on his own personal

[89 groups unrecovered].

Your repeated enquiries about B. [4 groups unrecovered] that the opposite view of him is held here. We repeat that neither MAKSIM[vi] nor LEONID[vii] ever met B. personally and they do not know him. In view of the fact that B. knows me personally from the leadership of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN, I asked permission[viii] to talk to him personally [4 groups unrecovered] about him.

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Footnotes: [1] KHOZE:

is "JOSE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY Nos. 110 of 20 February 1944 (3/NBF/T697.1), 237 of 20 April 1944 (T951), 272 of 6 May 1944 (T557), 238 of 28 April 1946 (T758) and 280 of 27 May 1946 (T711); and in MEXICO CITY's Nos. 63 of 24 January 1944 (unpublished), 192, 193 of 13, 14 March 1944 (unpublished, T770), 262 of 16 April 1944 (T668), 472, 497, 534, 556 of 3, 12, 24, 29 June 1944 (T685, unpublished, T636, T643), 567 of 3 July 1944 (T640) and 932 of 6 December 1944 (T993). Cf "KHOZE-PEPITO" (various spellings), ie "JOSE-PEPITO", occurring in MOSCOW's Nos. 154, 256 and 272 of 12 March, 29 April and 6 May 1944 (T556, T576, T557).

[ii] B.:

Presumably identical with "BENITO"; unidentified covername. Also occurs (as "BENITO"/"BEN..."/"BONITO") in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY Nos. 341, 376 of 3, 18 June 1944 (3/NBF/T681, T689) and in MEXICO CITY's Nos. 461, 515 of 3, 19 June 1944 (T688, T690) and 893 of 28 November 1944 (T2247).

[iii] Inserted by translator.

[iv] PEDRO/P.:

Jesus HERNANDEZ Tomas. On 6 April 1944 he was expelled from the Central Committee of the Spanish Communist Party at a meeting in MEXICO.

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Footnotes

(Continued): [v] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN: Members of the Communist Party.

[vi] MAKSIM: Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, WASHINGTON D.C.

[vii] LEONID: Aleksej Nikolaevich PROKHOROV, diplomatic courier attached to Soviet Embassy, WASHINGTON D.C.; visited MEXICO CITY in August/September 1943 and early in 1944.

[viii] See MEXICO CITY's No. 461 of 3 June 1944 (3/NBF/T688).

[ix] TURIJ: Lev Aleksandrovich TARASOV.

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